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Title: Regarding widening of National Highway No. 181 between Mettupalayam and Wayanad.

SHRI P. NAGARAJAN (COIMBATORE): The National Highway No. 181 connecting Mettupalayam and Wayanad via coonoor, Qoty, Gudalur is passing through my Coimbator Parliamentary Constituency in Tamil Nadu. The much-demanded widening of the National Highway 181 stretch between Mettupalayam and Wyanad needs to be expedited by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for the benefit of tourists and common passengers. This is an important stretch of NH 181 through which the vehicles and passengers from both Tamil Nadu and Kerala travel through. The widening and expansion works will help in easy and smooth passing of large number of vehicles through NH 181 and will save the travel time and unnecessary traffic jams due to the narrowness of the road in many places.

Large number of tourists from all over the country who visit the Hill station of Qoty, Coonoor and Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary have to use this stretch of NH 181. Due to the present condition for a distance of 172 Km, the time for travel is about 6 hours and the tourists and other common passengers plying on this NH 181 stretch face lots of hardships due to the narrowness of the road in most of the sections.

Therefore, I urge the Union Government to expedite the widening of the NH-181 particularly the stretch between Mettupalayam and Wayanad for the benefit of millions of tourist vehicles and other vehicles passing through this road.